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## WRESTLING TEAM WINS FOURTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Story by Alexis Pearson

It takes a lot to be a champion, and the St. Cloud State wrestling team seems to have it all.

It's been five years since the Husky wrestling team won their first title. Since then, they've claimed three more, including their fourth in March of this year.

With nine Husky wrestlers battling for both individual titles and a team title, facing defeat in individual match-ups can feel like a hurdle along the way to team success. Head coach Steve Costanzo said that from day one of the season, the coaching staff has been reminding their wrestlers the importance of fighting for their team.

"One thing we talk about all year is team...they realize that at the end of the day it really comes down to team," Costanzo said. "So we focus and preach that philosophy to these guys their whole careers...they knew what the expectations



Husky Wrestling team gathers for a photo with first place National Championship trophy. Photo taken by Husky Athletics.

on the line were. They knew that they had to come back and continue to fight for their team."

Senior captain Brett Velasquez said focusing on team is a big key to success.

"One of the biggest things with this program that has made us so successful is that we really are focused on that team title...we were in each other's corner," said

Velasquez. "If somebody fell, we were right there picking them up...continually encouraging each other to fight for the team."

With no Husky wrestlers winning individual titles, that perseverance after losses is how St. Cloud State was able to gain so many team points, which Velasquez cited as one

of the highlights of the tournament.

"I think the highs were really just seeing guys battle all the way through on the backside, guys never giving up and doing everything they could to bring home that team title. We were in a close race after day one and guys really dug deep to get bonus points," Velasquez said.

Despite no individual titles, the Huskies brought home seven all-Americans, tying their record for most all-Americans in a season.

Velasquez, weighing in at 125 pounds finished his career as a Husky with a fourth place finish and his fourth all-American status.

James Pleski at 149 pounds also placed fourth, earning him his third all-American award.

Kolton Eischens is 174 pounds and took fourth, securing his second all-American award.

Vince Dietz at 197 pounds was the only Husky to make it to the championship round, ultimately losing a close match but secured a second place finish and reached all-American status for the second time in his career.

Jake Barzowski weighs 157 pounds and brought home a third place finish and secured his first ever all-American award.

Garret Vos weighs  
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## HUSKIES LOSE NCHC CHAMPIONSHIP IN DOUBLE-OVERTIME THRILLER



St. Cloud State's #23 Robby Jackson celebrating a goal that would come short in the team's last Frozen Faceoff game. Photo taken by Kelsey Whaley

Story by Chris Person

The St. Cloud State Huskies were primed and set for the Frozen Faceoff Championship in St. Paul Saturday night. Their opponents were a familiar foe from the shores of Lake Superior: the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs. This was the fifth contest between the teams this season; both teams took a win in their first series at Amsoil Arena in Duluth in January, and the Huskies swept both games at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in early March. Heading into the game, St.

Cloud State was ranked first in the USCHO.com and USA Today polls, with the Bulldogs placing fourth in both polls.

However, it was the Bulldogs that would claim victory at Xcel Energy Center, defeating the Huskies in double overtime 3-2 in a National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) title game that won't be forgotten. UMD goaltender Hunter Shepard stonewalled the Huskies constantly, compiling 37 saves in the victory.

The Huskies got off to a hot start in the first period, swarming to the puck and

beating UMD on rushes. This would culminate in Huskies senior Robby Jackson scoring the first goal of the game seven minutes and 45 seconds in the period. The goal followed a delayed penalty, allowing the Huskies to have six men on the ice as goalie David Hrenak went to the bench.

The Huskies would have another chance to strike following the goal, as UMD's Parker Krieger was called for the infraction received a two-minute minor for tripping. Nothing would come in the first power play for the Huskies, but with only four seconds left on the first infraction, another penalty was called against the Bulldogs, with Louie Roehl taking a seat in the penalty box for boarding. The Huskies, however, would be unable to capitalize, as Easton Brodzinski was called for a hooking minor, negating the man advantage. On the 4-on-4, the Bulldogs' sophomore defense Mikey Anderson would knot up the score, and both teams would end the first period tied 1-1.

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## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SCSU'S WOMEN'S CENTER WORKS TO PREVENT GENDER VIOLENCE



Lee LaDue, Assistant Director of SCSU's Women's Center working on her goals to prevent gender violence at SCSU. Photo taken by Mason Ciernia

Story by Mason Ciernia

Earlier this month, the University Chronicle had a chance to sit down with current Assistant Director of Saint Cloud State's (SCSU) Women's Center, Lee LaDue, to talk about her goals with prevention gender violence on campus.

LaDue first, shares her experience with a gender violence case, and how that has directed her towards working to prevent gender violence in the community.

Lee LaDue sat patiently inside the confines of the courtroom as a victim advocate, along with her

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## CAPTAIN MARVEL IS SELF-DISCOVERING WHILE BRIE LARSON ADDRESSES GENDER BIAS

Story by Jessica Krull

Leading up to the release of Avengers: Endgame, which we are all waiting so impatiently for, Captain Marvel relieves many Marvel fans of their latest cravings including a mid-credit scene teasing at what to expect in April. Although it's hard to determine exactly what to expect for the Avengers, it has been made clear by the new trailer and the credit scene that Captain Marvel will be bringing a lot to the table in this upcoming battle against Thanos. This comic book based adventure is set in a previously unseen period of the Marvel Cinematic Universe in the 1990s.

Brie Larson stars as Carol Danvers, otherwise known as Vers, who comes to discover her past as a former Air Force pilot. The film begins with her in Hala training to become a member of the Kree Starforce under the authority of the Kree Supreme Intelligence. There has been an ongoing war between the Kree and the Skrulls in the Marvel Universe. Her determination to gain approval of the Kree Supreme Intelligence is exhilarating. According to Yon-Rogg, her mentor and a commander of the Starforce, she must conceal and control her powers properly in order to be considered as a member.

Without revealing any spoilers, she discovers many things about

herself and the Kree that was being kept from her. There have been many arguments online about the theme of the film. Many argue that it is about female power and not female empowerment. I would have to agree because of the amount of power, determination, drive, and success that Carol already had before she got her powers as well as after she discovered how much power she really contains. Even without her powers during her time as an Air Force pilot, she was a very forceful and influential woman. I loved the scene where they showed all of the times she was told as a child “you don’t belong” or “you can’t do it” and she still persevered, got up, and wasn’t afraid.

Seeing as the film takes place in the 1990s, there are many technological advancement jokes that are made. They really lighten the mood of the movie throughout. For example, towards the beginning of the movie, “Vers” (Carol) crash lands on earth straight into the middle of a blockbuster movie store. The heroes also experience the struggle of waiting for dial-up internet and old computers. Old sitcom shows and their merchandise were given a hint of the spotlight as well.

An SCSU student Max Weitz, who is a huge Marvel fan and thought the film had a meaningful origin story. He made a good point by saying there was a good

balance and mixture of comedy, action, and plot development. Weitz went on to say,

"The chemistry between Brie Larson and Samuel L. Jackson felt very organic and natural. Although, I almost feel like this was just a filler movie leading up to Endgame. I'm excited to see her contribution in Endgame though."

Upon the release of the movie, leading actress Brie Larson felt the need to use her platform to raise awareness on the prevalent white male superiority in Hollywood entertainment. She wishes to promote a more diverse crowd of interviewers and film critics in the media. According to IndieWire, Larson stated,

"I do not need a 40-year-old white dude to tell me what didn't work for him about A Wrinkle In Time."

Soon after, many white men get upset by her comments and boycott the film as well as make hate videos on YouTube criticizing the film for being too feminist. Many begin to blow up the reviews of the film so much that Rotten Tomatoes was forced to shut down user criticisms.

Olivia Way, a student worker at the St. Cloud State Women's Center, also offered her opinion on the film and its role in feminism. When asked about her opinion on whether or not the entertainment world is male-



New Captain Marvel movie poster stars lead actress Brie Larson. The photo is a movie poster of the film.

dominated Way replied,

"Yes, I would say that Hollywood is definitely a male-centric place, especially in films. Usually, the heroes are men so I think it's really exciting to have a superhero as a woman. I think it shows good representation for young and old women. Girls too and just anyone who needs a superhero."

After being given some background information on Brie's speech and her intention to utilize her platform to spread awareness of the problem of a white male-dominated industry Way replied,

"It's almost like a symptom of fragile masculinity. Even though she explicitly said 'Hey I'm not trying to hate on [white men]' they're still being so offended by it because she's using her platform to raise awareness." She went on to say, "I think that's really great because she's right. We do need more women and women of color and just less straight white men in Hollywood I think because we need representation for everyone. If we just have the perspective of a white man that's not really fair to anyone that's not a white man."

## WARM, DELICIOUS, DELIVERED: INSOMNIA COOKIES



Insomnia Cookies located just underneath Coborn Plaza Apartments. Photo taken by Anna Panek

Story by Anna Panek

Many phrases are associated with college: textbooks, coffee, and the freshman fifteen to name a few. The dreaded freshman fifteen comes from lack of sleep and late-night snacking. And students who have been in college longer than one year know that it doesn't stop after freshman year. Rather than shame ourselves for rewarding completing a

big project or a long night of studying with a delicious snack, we should focus on the reward. One company is doing just that, Insomnia Cookies.

Tag lined, “Warm. Delicious. Delivered.” Insomnia Cookies is unique to other bakeries because they will deliver their goods to your door, or dorm. If customers live close enough to a location, they will deliver from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. every day. A chain recently opened

on 5th Street underneath Coborn Plaza Apartments and close to the “Pregnancy Resource Center,” “Firehouse Subs,” and “Pizza Hut.”

Among the first students at SCSU to try this unique new business, Meg Zielinski, SCSU freshman said,

“Word spread so fast about it, mostly by ear which is crazy. I didn’t see anything on social media, everyone kind of just knew. My friends and I waited a few days to go because we knew the lines were probably out the door, and they were. When we finally did get them, we ordered them online so we could just pick them up, but they made us wait in that long line to pick up the cookies we already ordered which was pointless. They were really good cookies, but maybe not something I’d pay that much for on a regular basis.”

The business was founded back in 2003 at the University of Pennsylvania. In the last 15 years, the business has grown and now has over 100 locations across the United States. For a while, their products were

available in food trucks; however, the trucks are no longer in service. The food truck idea was improved into door delivery, which makes the service a lot more pleasing to the customer. Keeping up the times, Insomnia Cookies offers vegan and gluten-free cookies. While they are famous for their cookies, they also serve brownies, cookie cakes, cold milk, and ice cream.

Another student to be among the first to try out the new business in town, SCSU sophomore Natalie Perry said,

“The cookies were good but I don’t think they really lived up to the hype. I am glad they are here though, I can always go for some cookies!”

The menu has a buffet of options. There are nine types of traditional cookies including chocolate chunk, peanut butter chip, and sugar. Spicing it up are three types of deluxe cookies: chocolate peanut butter cup, s’mores, and triple chocolate. For events, cookie cakes are available in two sizes: mini and ten inch. “Insomnia Cookies” also has

what they called “wiches” (two cookies making a sandwich with a scoop of ice cream in between) that has four options.

All this deliciousness must come at a cost. One cookie starts at \$1.60, just shy of \$6 for a “wich,” all the way up to a 24 pack of cookies marked at \$31 with delivery charges cost an additional \$2.99. The company delivers to campus and surrounding areas.

The hype surrounding the newest hot item, shouldn’t take away from its greatness. Some SCSU students who have had the chance to try out “Insomnia Cookies” thoroughly enjoyed the cookies; however, they did not believe the cookies to be life changing.

Try out Insomnia Cookies when it’s two a.m. and you just finished studying for that anatomy test, or when it’s 3 in the afternoon and you just finished that group presentation, or when you are simply craving a cookie and see for yourself.



ALADDIN  
TRAILER  
GETS MIXED  
RESPONSES

Story by Matthew Auvil

In early February, during the annual Grammy Music Awards it seemed like a traditional ceremony night, typical commercials and seemingly a great night for awards till a particular trailer aired that no one was expecting. Disney fans were in for a what felt like a very sour treat, a new trailer for the live action Aladdin hit the screens of televisions and live streams across the world.

While some looked excited about Disney's endeavor to turn their classic cartoon films into live-action feature-length films, others not so much especially at this closer look of the retold story from Arabia.

With the trailer releasing, the audience got a bigger look at who our characters are, including Jafar, Aladdin,

Princess Jasmine and of course the favorite blue man locked away in a lamp, Genie. There were a few shots of the classic lion face that contained the treasure and the lamp and a wide shot of what we can only assume can be Arabia which visually looks stunning. The CGI and visuals in itself, are quite impressive.

There is very little dialogue in this trailer, just a short line from Jafar about Aladdin retrieving the lamp for him and then Genies few lines at the end of the trailer as well.

While a trailer like this doesn't need more dialogue given that it is trying to show how suspenseful and mesmerizing the film is supposed to be, hearing something from our favorite thief who is always one jump ahead of the breadline and one swing ahead of the sword would have made this trailer even better.

It was nice to finally see the animal characters, Iago and Abu in the trailer as well. Their CGI appearances don't look that off and seemingly look like the animals out of the live



Our first look of Will Smith as Genie in the new live action reiteration of Disney's Aladdin. Photo from Will Smith's Instagram

action rendition of the Jungle Book.

Now is about time to address the elephant in the room, or should we say, the genie in the room? It was quite a sight to see the first clip of Will Smith actually being Genie, however, it felt very strange and almost unsettling to the audience.

A smile appeared onto my face seeing Genie for the first time, but it wasn't a smile that was coming from happiness. It was a smile of discomfort when you're not sure how to feel about something.

"I didn't like it at all," freshman Calvin Foote says, remarking his experience seeing Will Smith as Genie. "I wasn't sure this was something I wanted but now its here and I don't like what I see."

While Will Smith was casted as the iconic character, he didn't quite settle into the role as well as other actors could have. It seems as if his appearances in videos and other forms of media are forced, almost as if he's trying to stay relevant to today's culture.

Seeing this trailer for the first

time, and having the uneasy reaction it did about Smith with his role, raises questions: Who else was considered for this role? Could they have done better? Would the audience have appreciated perhaps, a commonly known comedian to play the role instead? With the film hitting theaters soon, we will never know the answer to these questions. So from here, we can only hope that Smith was the correct choice and that he shines better in the film than he did in the trailer.

Who knows if this is a sign for Disney to slow down on the cartoon to live action movies and just hit the drawing board on new movies for the future or focus more on other sequels. As the records show right now, the current Aladdin movie trailer posted by Disney has more dislikes than likes and, could it be from the first glimpse of Genie? Or maybe viewers really just don't like what they see so far and are trying to send Disney a message.

Aladdin will be coming to theaters May 24, 2019.

FIRST ANNUAL STUDENTS UNITED ADVOCACY CONFERENCE HELD  
AT ST PAUL COLLEGE

Story by Kayla Nessman

Students came together during the end of February to participate in the first-annual Students United Advocacy Conference.

The two-day conference was held at St. Paul Community & Technical College and included a variety of speakers for students to listen to.

Speakers included were keynote presenters, Dr. Keith Edwards and Minnesota State Representative Hunter Cantrell.

Dr.KeithEdwards is a nation-wide speaker on men's identity, social justice education, sexual assault prevention,

and leadership. During his keynote presentation, he discussed principles of positive psychology and neuroscience so students could apply those concepts towards their personal and professional lives.

Edwards also discussed leadership in his presentation and to "Stop being a leader that is perfect. People trust leaders who make mistakes."

Minnesota State Representative Hunter Cantrell represents District 56A and is the youngest member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. His keynote presentation included discussion on the importance of student civic engagement

and his experience with running for office.

Cantrell's passion for political engagement was evident throughout his speech. "They may not know your name and if you do your job right, that may be enough." His testimony garnered a standing ovation from the audience.

The Students United Conference also provided professional and student speakers that explored topics such as legislation, allyship, and civil disobedience.

Speaker Rebekah Bailey, part of the Board of Directors for Women's March Minnesota, discussed civil disobedience (CD) which "requires the

greatest risk." Bailey ended her discussion by answering questions from students on what her CD experience has been and what she recommends for students who wish to be actively engaged in their communities.

Student leaders also spoke throughout the conference including Students United State Chair, Kayla Shelley, who all described their experiences thus far.

As for the most rewarding part of being State Chair, they said "I am a better advocate for trying to represent so many students from so many different places. When they come together and decide on

their issues, it's just my job to carry that out. Being able to do that has been so fun, rewarding, exhausting, and a great learning experience."

Shelley also commented on why students should attend future conferences.

"You get to advocate for yourself, you get to advocate for other students, you get to be a part of a process that's really seeking to uplift you as an individual and as a part of a collective," Shelley said.

Shelley, along with the rest of the presenters inspired students through the topics discussed and gave them the tools needed to create change in their own communities.



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ASSISTANT  
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CENTER WORKS TO  
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client who had been sexually assaulted. “I’m always concerned about how the victim will be treated in the legal system and always hope they have a judge that has a good background in understanding victim issues.”, said LaDue

However, LaDue was pleasantly surprised when she recognized the judge as someone who was knowledgeable and fair. The judge proceeded with the case, treating both the victim

and the accused, with the utmost of respect.

“She did such a good job with supporting the victim who read an impact statement and said amazing things to her, while at the same time, holding the accused accountable and challenged him to recognize the harm he had done, encouraging him to change his life,” LaDue said. After this case, LaDue realized the large impact that spreading knowledge of gender violence can have on creating better services for crime victims.

“In all the years I have sat in courtrooms, I have never seen anyone manage the situation better than that judge,” LaDue said. “It was just one of those moments, that I sat back and realized how much things have improved over the years I’ve done this work.”

LaDue has been the

Assistant Director of the Women’s Center and their lead coordinator for the Gender Violence Prevention Program at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) for over 25 years. Ladue is the lead advocate for preventing gendered crimes and her main goal is to provide trauma victims with various resources that help them get back on their feet.

“I coordinate the Gender Violence Prevention Program at the SCSU Women’s Center, so I work in three areas. One is direct services, such as running a support group and doing direct support counseling.

The second is prevention education with groups and the third are working on policies and laws to improve the system,” LaDue said.

LaDue says her favorite part of the job is working directly

with students on campus and listening to their ideas on how to prevent gendered violence. She also enjoys helping victims of trauma and is honored to be along on their journey of healing.

“They show incredible strength and courage and seeing them heal and go on with their lives, is a great part of my job,” LaDue said.

She has also worked to influence the way that SCSU handles gendered crime prevention and response. She is proud that SCSU is one of the few universities in Minnesota that offers a class on sexual assault advocacy.

LaDue believes that one of the positive changes she has seen over the years is that SCSU has a team of people that collaborate and work together to respond to sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking, which is

essential to creating change.

“LaDue is the most passionate person that I have ever had the opportunity to work with and I think every university should have an advocate for sexual violence that cares as much as she does,” the Women Center’s Outreach and Programming assistant, Sanju Neupane said.

“It’s not perfect but I’ve really seen changes with police, prosecution and judges, at least in this area, I feel like things are getting better,” LaDue continues, “These improvements are happening because key players are working together, challenging one another and education has improved over the years for the key professions working with survivors. I just feel fortunate to be a small part of that.”

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT BRINGS INDIAN DANCE  
& MUSIC TO THE ATWOOD QUARRY

Story by Brendan Janostin

The St. Cloud State University Indian Heritage Club hosted Bollywood Night at the Atwood Quarry in February. The event celebrated India’s unique film industry by playing music from famous Bollywood movies for people to dance to, along with food, drinks and a side event where participants tried to hit a piñata with a shortened pool noodle blindfolded while an event organizer jerked the piñata up and down on a string.

In the same way that someone might use the term Hollywood colloquially to refer to the American film industry, one would use Bollywood to refer to the Hindi film industry. Bollywood currently is the largest film industry in India, producing movies whose visuals rival those of Hollywood feature films such as Geostorm and Skyscraper.

Despite looking similar, movies produced in Bollywood are unique in one crucial aspect.

“I would say music, the songs and the dancing” India Heritage Club Vice President Nikki Vuppala said when asked how Bollywood movies differ from Hollywood films “Songs are one thing that Indian cinemas have to have.”

Indian Heritage Club

Program Coordinator Amithra Suresh agreed with Vuppala’s assessment.

“In an Indian movie, it’s a must have, it should be a romantic movie” Suresh said “There should be some little romance in it. So that’s how Bollywood is different.”

Musicals and dance numbers are not exclusive to Bollywood, like The Muppets (2011) and Mary Poppins Returns (2018) are but a few examples of successful Hollywood musicals, but their inclusion is far more widespread, from action movies like Singham to romance movies like Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge.

Despite being a celebration of Indian cinema, no movies were shown at the event. Instead, the event organizers focused on playing and dancing to musical tracks and scenes from Bollywood movies. Participants were encouraged to enjoy free pizza and drinks at the bar in between stints on the dance floor. Not to be outdone, event organizers took to the stage in the back of the room to show off their moves, displaying noticeably more grace and coordination than their dance floor counterparts.

The Bollywood celebration was not only about music and dancing. It’s most notable side event was a variation of “break

the piñata.” In it, participants were blindfolded, spun around, and given a short, limp pool noodle. Then, they would have to attempt to knock the party box piñata to the ground while following conflicting instructions about its location from the crowd of onlookers. Their woes were only compounded by the fact that an event organizer controlled the piñatas height with a string and would constantly jerk it up and down to avoid attempts by the participant to hit it.

In light of the unbreakable nature of the piñata due to the participants lack of a solid object, people would trade places once someone managed to touch the box. The activity was a huge success, drawing inspiration from a competition in south Indian villages called Uri adithal, which is pot breaking while blindfolded.

The Bollywood film industry is a unique staple of Indian heritage and culture, similar yet different to the film industries of other countries, particularly the United States. This is not the first time the Indian Heritage Club has celebrated their unique brand of cinema since they have hosted similar events in 2017 and 2018, and judging by the prevalence of interest and high turnout, it will not be the last.



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## CELLAR DWELLERS OR AL CENTRAL CONTENDER? A PREVIEW OF THE 2019 MINNESOTA TWINS

Story by Evan Michealson

In mid-February, the Minnesota Twins held their first team workout in preparation for the 2019 season. Coming off a disappointing season in 2018, that resulted in a 78-84 record and the firing of coach Paul Molitor, expectations plummeted. The franchise's two rising stars, third basemen Miguel Sano and center fielder Byron Buxton, both had horrific seasons, spending much of the season injured or in the minor leagues.

The critical step for the Twins is rejuvenation; not just for the likes of Buxton and Sano, but for the whole team. This was the same team that just two years ago made it to the American League Wild Card game. The revival comes in the form of emphasized youth, including Molitor's replacement, former player Rocco Baldelli. The 37-year-old is the youngest skipper in the majors. According to an ESPN roster analysis, the Twins age the 11th youngest team in baseball, with an average player age of just under 26 years old. With more talent like Alex Kiriloff and 2017 number one overall pick Royce Lewis developing in the minors, the Twins could get even younger.

Minnesota also had a busy, yet cheap offseason. In a free agency pool with the likes of Bryce Harper and Manny Machado, the Twins instead decided to boost their lineup, with less splash. Some major transactions include:

-On November 26, the Twins picked up first baseman C.J. Cron off waivers from the Rays. Cron hit .253 with a career-high 30 home runs for Tampa Bay in 2018, providing the Twins with much needed pop from the corner infield

position.

-On December 6, they signed free agent second baseman Jonathan Schoop. Schoop was an All-Star with the Baltimore Orioles in 2017, batting .293 with 32 home runs and 105 runs batted in. However, he followed up his career campaign with a forgetful one, batting .233 with the Orioles and Brewers.

-On January 2, they signed longtime long-ball slugger Nelson Cruz. Cruz has hit at least 37 homers in five consecutive seasons, and the expectation is he can once again hit that plateau, even in Target Field, a pitcher's ballpark..

-On February 22, they reached a deal with versatile veteran Marwin Gonzalez, who can play every position put pitcher and catcher (at the moment). There wasn't a gaping need for another infielder, but Gonzalez's range and hitting ability was enough for the Twins to pull the trigger.

Thomas Breach is the "Voice of Huskies Baseball." Along with his play-by-play work, he is an assistant for the university's baseball team. According to Huskies Athletics, several assistant responsibilities include assistance with scouting and day-to-day operations. Along with carrying these responsibilities, he follows the Twins, maintaining that he follows the Twinkies "religiously."

Breach has shown approval of the off-season moves the team have made.

"I see Nelson Cruz as a huge producer for the Twins," said Breach. "He's about as good as it gets as a middle-order bat, and his leadership ability for (Miguel) Sano will be critical."

Breach even had a prediction for the Dominican



Twins stadium Target Field is filled with Minnesota fans. Photo taken by Doug Dribble from Flickr

designated hitter. "A slash line of .270/.365/.535 with 35 plus nukes would be a good expectation," he said.

Not to be forgotten in the managerial shuffle and the new faces is the loss of the side-burned face of the franchise, Joe Mauer. After appearing in 15 seasons for the Twins, the longtime captain said farewell to the baseball diamond, leaving behind a storied career that saw him make six All-Star Games and win five Silver Slugger awards, along with being the 2009 American League MVP. It only further stresses the Twins as a ball-club with a shifting identity from what they've been in the past.

One thing remains the same after the organizational shake-ups: pitching concerns. Noticeably missing among major signings is the addition of pitching help; the Twins have signed former Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez and former Angels reliever Blake Parker, but in a free agent market with big

names such as Dallas Keuchel and Craig Kimbrel and the Twins still hovering slightly over the \$100 million dollar salary projection, one could have expected more push for pitching help. In Breach's opinion, these concerns are not as serious as many others believe.

"I think a lot of people have overvalued pitchers on the market in years past," said Breach. "In reality, the only thing missing from the staff is a 'true ace.'"

While a "true ace" may not exist, the Twins do have proven talent at the top of their rotation, with Jose Berrios, Kyle Gibson, Jake Odorizzi, and Michael Pineda making up a majority of the expected starts for the Twins in the upcoming season. All have pitched to a sub-4 earned-run-average in a season in the past, and there's not a lot of reasons for skepticism, with the exception of Pineda coming off of Tommy John surgery. There's also a new sheriff in town for pitching management, in the

form of pitching coach Wes Johnson, who Breach has a high opinion of.

"He [Johnson] is a guy who truly knows pitcher development and understands how to make the data he utilizes easy to understand for his arms, said Breach. "Stephen Gonsalves is a perfect example; Wes already has him up to 95 after living at 90-92 last season."

The Twins will begin the season at Target Field against the defending division champions, the Cleveland Indians, on March 28.

Overall, the Twins could be a promising young team with several fresh new faces to push them to a playoff spot. However, they could also be muddled by pitching woes and inconsistency that has kept them in the American League Central cellar for almost a decade. Vegas odds have the Twins at 83.5 wins, which is in the top half of baseball. However, it was similar expectations from last year, and most fans remember how last season went.

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## PROFESSOR WHO DEMANDED VIDEO FOOTAGE BE DELETED; NO PUNISHMENT

Story by Mark Wasson

An almost year long investigation into a complaint filed by a former student journalist against a St. Cloud State University (SCSU) faculty member has ended with no disciplinary action taken against the faculty member.

The complaint stems from an incident on Jan. 31, 2018 where Kyle Fahrman, working as a UTVS cameraman, was filming a disturbance in Atwood Memorial Center that led to professor Tracy Ore directing Fahrman to stop filming and delete his footage.

"Clearly the university's understanding of the law and sense of justice is different from that of every court in America. We don't allow government officials -- that is what this professor is -- to order journalists to stop camera from filming in a public space and delete work they have lawfully obtained," said Mike Hiestand, the Senior Legal Counsel of the Student Press Law Center via email, "What this professor did was wrong and she should be held accountable for her actions."

Why no disciplinary action was taken is unknown because, under Minnesota law, investigations into complaints of public employees is considered private data unless it results in disciplinary action. This means that the reasons why it took almost a year to complete are unknown, as well.

The investigation concluded after Fahrman graduated from SCSU.

"I think it's a little strange," said Fahrman last year, "They said they were going to be diligent about going through with this and ensuring that there was some kind of agreement."

Fahrman filed the complaint Jan. 31, 2018 and has not been contacted about the investigation since February of 2018. Fahrman was also unaware that the investigation had concluded.

"That SCSU would simply shrug its shoulders and claim 'nothing to see here' is disturbing as hell," said Hiestand who later said that SCSU cannot be counted on to do the right thing.

According to Judith Siminoe, special adviser to the SCSU



Students gathered in Atwood Memorial Center to discuss the "wall" put up by the SCSU Republican student group in January of 2018. Photo taken by Jessie Wade.

president, there is no official procedure regarding this type of investigation at SCSU, despite multiple other policies regarding complaints that have time requirements and specific procedures to follow.

"[Hiestand] is commenting from his vantage point and based on the information available to him," said Siminoe in a series of emails. "[The University Chronicle] asked whether there is information that contradicts what he said. I guess it's not that simple. I think there is information to contradict the university can't be counted on to do the right thing. I also don't think the university's response equates to 'nothing to see here'."

Siminoe declined to provide information regarding the investigation, citing privacy concerns.

### The Complaint

While Fahrman was covering a disturbance in Atwood Memorial Center last year he said he saw a visibly agitated Ore, who is a sociology professor, "borderline yelling" at a student and decided to get an action shot of the scene.

Ore was speaking to the then Vice President of the College Republicans (the student requested the University Chronicle not use his name) who's student organization had created some controversy on campus after displaying

a student made "wall" that contained offensive and often politically incorrect musings.

Once Ore noticed she was being filmed she confronted Fahrman.

"I asked that reporter to not record me and he eventually agreed to not record and he eventually agreed to delete what he had recorded because it was a private conversation between myself and a student on this campus," said Ore during an interview with the University Chronicle last year.

Fahrman said he deleted the footage because he was scared and that Ore came off as threatening even though she did not make any specific threats.

"I felt like if I didn't do it then something was going to happen," said Fahrman.

Fahrman then filed a complaint against Ore with SCSU.

### The Interview

In a subsequent interview with the University Chronicle, Ore maintained that her actions were justified when directing Fahrman to stop filming and delete footage. Ore was also adamant about the incident not being a news story, calling it a "private matter."

"I did not trust that the reporter would just of his own choice delete that recording," she said "I did have an expectation [of privacy]. When it was clear that

that reporter didn't understand it, that's why I spoke with the reporter," added Ore.

During the interview, Ore said the incident was a teaching moment for Fahrman.

Ore does not possess any mass communication degrees or degrees that are related to journalism according to her SCSU directory website page.

Ore also voiced concern with the potential for losing her job regarding her actions being recorded.

"I don't feel that this is a news story. This is what I'm concerned about, right now in the press, now I don't mean here on campus, but in the press there's a lot of debate about free speech and there's a lot of assertions, I don't think any of them are true, that faculty like me are shutting down free speech, are silencing dissent. If you don't believe me you just go out and look there," said Ore. Later adding that things are taken out of context and that could lead to faculty losing their job.

The University Chronicle has not been able to find any recordings of the incident. The only known recording being the one Ore demanded to be deleted.

Frank LoMonte, Senior Legal Fellow at the Student Press Law Center, said via email last year that Ore's claim of privacy are misplaced.

"Whether you have a reasonable expectation of

privacy depends on the nature of the space. If you choose to have what you consider a 'private' conversation in the middle of a busy hallway, you forfeit any reasonable expectation of privacy," said LoMonte. "We don't get to declare pieces of public property off-limits to newsgathering activity by declaring it to be our private meetingspace. If the conversation was truly confidential, it was a misjudgment to have it in a place where it could be easily overheard."

### Attempts to protect student journalists

According to Lori Keekly, the chair of the Scholastic Press Rights Committee, protections for student journalists vary by school and this can be confusing for both student journalists and school administrators.

This has led Keekly, along with others, to work on legislation to clarify exactly what those roles are. Though that legislation currently would only apply to grades K-12.

"You have the Tinker standard and you have the Hazelwood standard and what we are trying to do, through the state legislation we're working on, is to make sure the Tinker standard is what is in place in Minnesota," said Keekly. "Right now, it's like this murky quagmire and we really want to clear the water."

The Tinker and Hazelwood standards are in reference to two Supreme Court cases, Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District and Hazelwood School District et al. v. Kuhlmeier et al.

The Tinker standard states that students have the right to freedom of speech in public schools unless it causes a disruption or endangers the safety of others. The Hazelwood standard states that student expression in public schools is not normally protected under the First Amendment.

"I believe the First Amendment is the First Amendment. It can be sticky sometimes. It can be uncomfortable but it really is important that we are able to have that free exchange of ideas and beliefs," said Keekly.

Tracy Ore did not respond to a request for comment regarding this article.

## WINTER INSTITUTE'S 57TH ANNUAL EVENT EXPLORES IMMIGRATION POLICY

Story by Sarv Mithaqaian

The St. Cloud State University (SCSU) Winter Institute is celebrating its 57th annual economic education. This year's event is titled "Immigration Explored" and was held at the beginning of February, in Regency Plaza, Downtown.

The event is organized by SCSU's Center for Economics Education, the Economics Department, and the School of Public Affairs.

Dr. Lynn McDonald, an Associate Professor of Economics and the current Director of the Winter Institute,

helped coordinate the event.

"We're really excited to have this topic here. It's been such a hot topic in the media and I think it's something that we need to address. We can do it in a great way where we hear from a lot of different people and different insights and everybody has the opportunity to talk about it," McDonald said.

She went on to say, "Because this is an economics education event, so we have two economists here, leading immigration economists, who will talk about immigration economics and immigration policy. And we have another economist who will be here as well to talk about the

case for open borders. And then we have Kalia Yang who will be here to talk about her experience, her journey, and her family's story as a Hmong refugee."

SCSU's president Robbyn Wacker said: "The Winter Institute and its mission is to bring to campus, to St. Cloud, some of the most remarkable thinkers and speakers around certain topics. For everybody, it's raising awareness about the issue tonight. It's also about continuing the dialogue around important topics such as immigration and that we continue to talk about it and to understand the facts around it. So, this is exactly what our university needs to do, it's to

be the thought leader, to bring people to talk about topics that we should be discussing."

The first keynote speaker was SCSU Alumnus Mynul Khan. Khan's story highlighted the journey of a teenager who moved to the U.S. from Bangladesh, to get a bachelor's degree in computer science and who founded an online marketplace called Field Nation that connects freelancers and IT experts to corporate clients.

Khan shared that before coming to study in the U.S. he wasn't aware of Minnesota. He then learned that a university in St. Cloud offered in-state tuition to foreign students (SCSU)

so he took advantage of the opportunity. After finishing his education, Khan wanted to stay in the U.S. and work on developing his company but his immigration status was proving difficult. After hiring a lawyer and spending a lot of money, he was able to stay here.

"Immigration status limitation was hard, I spent more money on lawyers instead of building my business right away," Khan said.

Khan feels that even today the immigration process is difficult for international students or those with a student visa who would like to stay and work in the U.S. after their studies.



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## SCSU MENS HOCKEY CELEBRATE THIRD NCHC VICTORY AT PENROSE CUP

Story by Brendan Janostin

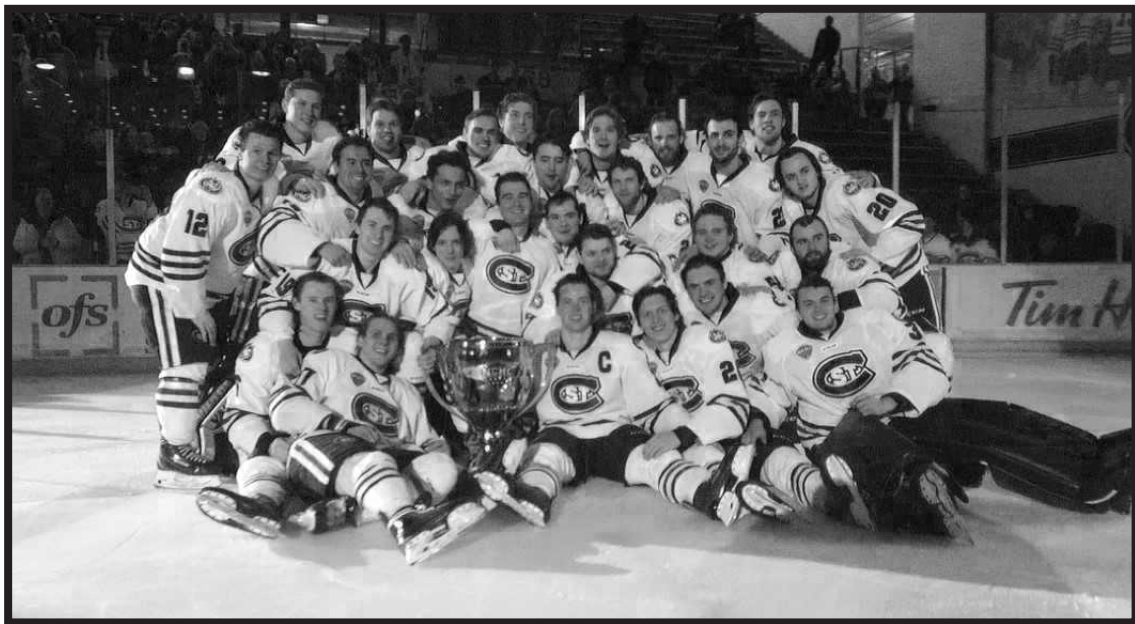
In early March, the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center, home of the St. Cloud State Men's Hockey Team had reason to celebrate.

The number-one St. Cloud State Huskies had just beaten the conference rival Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, 4-3. The final goal that propelled the Huskies to victory stood up to the scrutiny

of a referee review and a coach challenge. The team was about to celebrate winning the Penrose Cup, which recognizes the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) regular season champion, for the second time in a row and the third time since the conference was founded in 2013. Though their victory that night hadn't secured them the cup (they'd done that in a game against

the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks on February 23), it did send a powerful message to spectators and players alike - the St. Cloud State Huskies were champions.

After the post-game handshakes, with the sweet taste of victory still on the tongues of many happy Huskies fans, the lights dimmed and a black table was brought out to the center of the ice, followed shortly after by the Penrose Cup.



SCSU men's hockey team gathers to celebrate a 3rd consecutive year of taking the NCHC Penrose Cup. Photo taken by Kelsey Whaley.

"I think we can all agree, there is nothing better than celebrating back-to-back championships in our house," said SCSU Athletic Director Heather Weems as she stood in front of the cheering mass of spectators.

The celebration was not without its downsides, however. Several of the SCSU men's hockey team members are college seniors, and this was their last home game before graduation. To commemorate their achievements on the team, they were given a special spotlight in which they were called one by one to be presented with a single rose and shake Weems' hand. This included Schuldt, alternate captains Jon Lizotte and Jacob Benson, and goaltender Jeff Smith.

In all the celebration surrounding the Penrose Cup, one might wonder how the cherished trophy came to be. In 2013, the El Pomar Foundation of Colorado Springs offered a grant to the NCHC to help design its regular season trophy. As thanks, the NCHC's Board of Directors decided to honor the foundations founders, Julie and Spencer Penrose, by naming the trophy after them. Having made their fortunes in the copper mines of Utah, it was only fitting that the trophy be accented with copper to pay homage to the metal that helped create the Penrose fortune.

Though the events of the night were a nice way to round out the season, the excitement in the air was nothing compared to the adulation of the team after their victory over the Omaha Mavericks at the end of February. There, flushed with pride over a clean 5-0 final score, the team was presented with the Penrose Cup for the third time in their history.

"Congratulations on becoming Penrose Cup champions... The St. Cloud State Huskies have won back-to-back, and you've now won three regular season championships," said NCHC commissioner Josh Fenton to the overjoyed locker room. "As you guys know, you've played hockey your entire lives, arguably the hardest championship to win is a regular season championship. Gotta be consistent, gotta be there night in and night out, and you guys proved that all season long... congratulations to the St. Cloud State Huskies: 2019 NCHC Penrose Cup champions."

The Huskies ended the season with an overall record of 27-4-3. The challenge for the team now will be filling the void left by the departure of its senior members. While the loss of any of its team members is less than ideal, the majority of the Huskies remains intact, newly defined as third time Penrose Cup winners and champions.

## BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS, HIGH SCORING DAVIS GRADUATES

Story by Sam Goetzinger

It has been a fantastic season for the St. Cloud State Huskies on the court, and leading the charge is red-shirt senior Gage Davis. Davis is a product of Bolingbrook, Illinois, where he spent his youth playing basketball. In his prep years, Davis was named Honorable Mention All-State as a senior, averaging 14.5 points and 3.0 assists per game.

He became a First Team All-Conference selection and First Team All-Area. Gage went on to commit to play college ball at Division I Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne where he would red-shirt his freshman season. He decided to make the trek and transfer to St. Cloud State University the following season, and that choice went on to be something he'll never regret.

Throughout Davis's four-year career, the resume he has built up on the court has been one of the best in program history. In his freshman season, Davis tallied 19.7 points per game along with eight rebounds in each contest.

Those numbers gave him the NSIC's Freshman of the Year honor and a selection as All-First Team for the NSIC. A "sophomore slump" was non-existent for Davis. In his second-year campaign he increased his points per game average to 22.5 and added 8.9 rebounds per game.

The accolades racked up for Davis that year, including his second straight All-NSIC First Team selection, and four-time



Senior Gage Davis was named a Preseason All-American after averaging 19.2 points per game last season. Photo taken by SCSU Athletics.

NSIC player of the week. Gage reached 1,000 career points for SCSU in only 49 games.

"When I first got here, I was trying to find my role and see what the team needed. I was fortunate enough to step into a role of a scorer and for someone to step in a make an impact right away," Davis said. "Fortunately, coach put some trust into me and let me have that freedom out there on the court and from there it built on."

The dominance continued going into his junior season as well. Davis put up 19.2 points per game throughout the season, tacked on his third consecutive All-NSIC first team selection and was named player of the week twice.

The scary thing for teams in

the NSIC is that Davis's senior season is arguably his best yet. The regular season ended with Davis leading the team with 25.1 points a contest, and 7.7 rebounds per game.

Davis currently sits second in points per game throughout the season for the NSIC and 8th in the nation. This resulted in becoming NSIC's player of the year and receiving an eye-opening fourth First-Team All Conference selection.

Davis attributes his improvements to his off-season work.

"Each summer, I try to add little parts of my game here and there with certain aspects, just little things like adding weight and muscle. I want to play after here too, so it's about long term just

as well as it while I'm here at St. Cloud State," Davis said.

Davis tallied five NSIC player of the week awards for all the great records and accomplishments he has achieved during the regular season, with many coming this year.

In a game against Southwest Minnesota State at home in Halenbeck Hall, Davis was under 20 points away from the 2,000-point clip for his career. Davis led the Huskies to a win and had 19 points to reach 2,000. A couple weekends later, the Huskies were in Bemidji taking on the Beavers in a nail-biter from start to finish.

The game went into double-overtime, and the Huskies were able to steal a win behind Davis's 42-point performance. With those

numbers, Davis became the all-time leading scorer in the history of the NSIC, passing Augustana's Daniel Jansen who played from 2012-2016.

Gage then put his sights on another record: becoming the all-time leading scorer in SCSU history. Coming into a match-up against Minot State at home, he was 32 points away from breaking the record held by Dan Hagen for 38 years.

The Huskies dominated the Beavers and Gage scored exactly 32 points to make history. SCSU then went on the road to face Wayne State and Augustana in a weekend series, and Davis dominated, scoring a career-high 46 points against the Wildcats, before following that up with 31 more points against the Vikings.

With the unreal weekend, he became the all-time leading scorer in Minnesota collegiate basketball history, surpassing St. John's Frank Wachlarowicz. The record was held for 40 years, and the Illinois native was able to snatch it.

"That's something if you would have told me when I first got here, I would have thought you were crazy. I'm glad I was able to come here and make a name for myself especially being so far away from home," Davis said, reflecting on the level of success that he's had. "I've had the support from the fans and the coaching staff to get me comfortable here so I can accomplish these things. It's a great feeling knowing I'll be apart of Minnesota forever, even though I am not from here and it's like a home to me now."



## HUSKIES SOFTBALL CONTINUES TO SHINE IN 22ND SEASON OF U'REN ERA

Story by Evan Michealson

22 seasons.

That's how long Paula U'Ren has been coaching the softball team at St. Cloud State University. In her illustrious career as head coach, she's had a lot of success, including a winning percentage of just under 60 percent. She stands at 700 wins in her Husky career. It's fair to say winning is a staple of Huskies softball under U'Ren's guidance.

However, the 2019 Huskies are somehow raising the expectations.

If the 18-6 Huskies can maintain their blistering pace and reach the 30-win plateau, it would be the fourth consecutive season that the Huskies would have reached 30 wins. Not bad, right?

"This team is special," says U'Ren. "From day one, we've had a goal in mind."

The Spring Games is one of the largest stages for college softball; it's where teams from Division I to junior college go



Senior Gage Davis was named a Preseason All-American after averaging 19.2 points per game last season. Photo taken by SCSU Athletics.

to get their seasons underway. Based in Clermont, Florida, it's where the Huskies found themselves playing 12 games. Going into the Games, the Huskies were 7-1 and looking to make their mark over 1,600 miles away from home. That's a lot of pressure for a team to face.

However, the team was ready for the challenge, going 10-2 in the Games and allowing only 20 runs the entire tournament while

scoring 78 runs themselves.

"We've been swinging the bats hard. We've scored a lot of runs," says pitcher and captain Kate Kopeck. "It's easier to pitch when you have tons of runs on the board."

Kopeck has been dazzling, currently sitting at a 2.32 ERA and tossing at least nine strikeouts in four different games.

The momentum for the team delayed slightly in their next

set of games, the Emporia State Spring Open. The Huskies stumbled, losing 3-1 to host Emporia State, 5-4 to Pittsburg State in eight innings, and 8-4 to Central Missouri. However, they were able to avoid a winless open, salvaging the final game of the tournament against Washburn in a 7-3 win.

U'Ren isn't worried about the result; more competition is only a plus for the program.

"We needed to be challenged," says U'Ren. "We got down here (Emporia) and had to work harder."

Kopeck echoes Coach's statements.

"We've been good in January and February, but we have to get better as challenges get harder," says the Saskatchewan native. "Get over the hump, and we'll be golden."

Part of the challenge is playing in new environments outside of Minnesota. With the Emporia Open done, that's two major trips outside their home state. The team has not played a home game since March 2, and won't play host in the Husky Dome until early April.

"We play really well at home, and this helps us to learn to play on the road," says U'Ren.

"Playing really well at home" isn't doing the squad justice; their 7-1 record preceding the Spring Games were all results determined at home. Their only loss was a 9-8 battle against Missouri Western State. They won every other game by an average of ten runs.

The Huskies play the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs in their next series on March 26.

Victory isn't just displayed on the diamond for Huskies softball players, either. In U'Ren's tenure, players have won almost 90 academic awards. Much like other St. Cloud State programs, this is an emphasis for coaching staffs. U'Ren believes that the play of student-athletes can reflect in the classroom.

"It (softball) builds confidence and passion," says U'Ren. "It teaches them to overcome." The longtime coach and St. Cloud resident doesn't just want to be improved as players, but rather "building them as adults."

While these student adults continue to strive for success and legacy, the arrival of the 700th for U'Ren allowed players to have a small period of celebration.

"We had a celebration and some cake," says U'Ren.

## HUSKY BASEBALL AMONG HIGHEST RANKED IN THE COUNTRY

Story by Tony Langfellow

The St. Cloud State Husky baseball team led off the 2019 season in Texas, Missouri and Arizona at the beginning of February with an impressive amount of wins and ultimately earning a high ranking during mid-March in national polls.

The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's national poll ranked the Huskies as the number six team in the country and the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association (NCBWA) pushed the Huskies from the number 11 team to the seventh best team in the nation.

"Being sixth [and seventh] is good, but at the same time, it's just on paper," Huskies first baseman Mathew Meyer said. "Whether [we're number] six, 30, or whatever it is, you've got to come to play and it's great to have that number six spot, but at the same time, it doesn't really mean much. You still have to prove it."

These high rankings came as a result of the Huskies' 12-2 record that they earned in the first part of their season before conference play began against Minnesota State University-Mankato.

The Huskies began the season on Feb. 1 in Houston against Texas A&M-Kingsville at Minute-Maid Park, beating them 7-2. That started a five-game winning streak until Feb. 25 with their first loss of the season, but that didn't stop them from their winning ways as the Huskies were able to go 7-1 during their road trip to Arizona.



SCSU baseball pitcher Riley Ahern throwing a curveball to the opposing team. Photo taken by Zachary Siggelkow.

"We've hit it really well, we've picked it really well and we've pitched it really well, [it's] just a team effort. We only made four or five errors the whole trip down there and one of them was me hitting the runner in the back of the head on a throw," Huskies senior catcher Toran Shahidi said.

With the hot start that the Huskies had this season, there's no doubt in their minds that they wouldn't have gotten to where they are without all of the time and effort each player puts in along with the leadership of the coaching staff.

"Our strength coach... guides us on a lot of things that are a little different. Getting us prepared, [our] bodies ready to go with either lighter weights or with super heavy weights, we just all work pretty hard," Shahidi said. "No guy was cheating us, and they knew if they did cheat it, they wouldn't play."

The Huskies were originally

ranked at number 39 in the preseason poll done by the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, so the jump to number six speaks volumes on how fast the Huskies were able to climb to the top ten in a short amount of time.

Being able to compete under pressure in heated situations is a key to success that the Huskies have been able to withhold this season, but it's important for them to come to each game with their heads in the game and anticipating the win.

"We've came with the attitude that [we] know we're gonna win every game, which you've got to stay humble and hungry, but if you show up to the park wanting to win and expecting to win, you're gonna do well," Meyer said.

Showing up to the ballpark and being ready to play on a gameday is an important factor to their success and Shahidi is confident that there's more to this thinking man's game than



Lenny Walker making team history as he hits one of the two grand slams hit in one game in Arizona. Photo taken by Zachary Siggelkow.

just stepping on the field.

"We can't just show up... we're a good team, but if we just show up, we're not going to beat anyone," he said. "We have to show up focused and ready to go, and that's what we did in Arizona."

This season, the Huskies have a whopping 14 seniors on their squad, which helps the team's success, since they have a lot of guys with previous experience playing on the field. Not only are the Huskies lined up with upperclassmen, but they also have five new junior college transfers which adds to the power of the team.

The Huskies deep pitching staff also puts them in a comfortable position this season with several starting pitchers on hand, including Riley Ahern, who threw seven shutout innings with eight strikeouts in early March against Morningside College.

That's just one example of the

Huskies' strength, and Meyer said their opponents can't compete with St. Cloud State's bullpen.

"Our pitching is so good. Our number eight, nine and 10 pitchers are just as good as anyone's three, four, five," Meyer said.

It's not just their pitching that is getting the Huskies through their season; on March 7, the Huskies made history of their own, hitting two grand slams in the same game for the first time since their 1973 season.

In that 17-3 victory over Bemidji State during the Tucson Invitational, Jordan Joseph and Lenny Walker proved what this team is capable of.

"It's fun here, we like each other, we want each other to have success. It's really cool just how well everyone gets along. We listen to each other if someone has a better idea... but this place is awesome, man," Shahidi said.



ST. CLOUD’S CENTRAL CAFE COMES TO A CLOSE

Story by Tony Langfellow

After a battle with Time Warner and then a decline in business, Central Cafe in downtown St. Cloud decided to close their store for good at the end of the month of March.

Owners Odessa and Alan Scherr have been trying to sell their coffee shop since the spring of 2018, but since they have not had any potential buyers, they decided closing would be the best thing to do for themselves despite disappointment from area residents and even St. Cloud State students.

“I’ve had lots of sleepless nights trying to come up with this decision,” Odessa Scherr said. “It will be kind of nice just having a home life... [getting] family time and not having to be tied down to a business.”

The complications for this cafe, which was originally known as “Central Perk,” started in March 2018 when Odessa Scherr received a cease and desist letter from Time Warner stating that they could no longer use that name for their business.

This was part of a plan



Outside of Central Cafe in downtown St. Cloud before closure. Photo taken by Tony Langefellow

like OK, let’s just change the name.”

The original name for the Scherrs’ coffee shop was coined from the popular 1990s TV sitcom, Friends, which featured a coffee shop that the main characters would frequent also called “Central Perk.”

However, the dictation from Time Warner was only the beginning of the problems for Odessa and Alan, because when Herberger’s department store from down the road closed their doors in August 2018, suddenly

it’s snowing, there’s nobody downtown, there’s nobody [even] walking. During the summer if it rains, we’re either busy or we’re dead. There’s no in between,” he said.

By rebranding the name of their shop to Central Cafe, that process worked against the married couple’s shop since it costed money to change the name and signage, as well as trying to let the public know they were still the same business.

It’s a day and age where it’s the mom and pop stores versus the large conglomerates, and they just can’t compete with them. In fact, the Scherrs said that the large stores such as Caribou Coffee and Starbucks don’t make the same personal connections that the five and dimes shops do.

“At Caribou, it’s like you’re more a number, [but] here we treat you like you’re family, kind of like from Cheers, ‘everyone knows your name,’ we have a couple people that say ‘everyone knows your name,’” Odessa Scherr said.

Alan Scherr said closing the coffee shop is hard for him because he has made so many special connections over the years at the cafe and wouldn’t trade away those memories for anything else.

“It’s really hard, especially with all the people that I’ve gotten to know over the years, we’ve watched one person... she was pregnant when we first opened and we watched the little kid grow up. [Now] the little one is going to go to kindergarten in the fall,” Alan Scherr said.

After working 80 hour weeks for such little returns and less time with the family, it’s safe to say that Alan and Odessa are ready to move on.

“We don’t know what the future will bring, but we’re just hoping that it will open up some doors,” Odessa Scherr said.

downtown St. Cloud turned into a ghost town.

“After it closed, we started noticing downtown, especially in the afternoons really started to slow down, even in the summertime which normally we have people walking everywhere downtown,” Alan Scherr said.

The Scherrs admitted that when Herberger’s closed, they weren’t expecting it to impact their numbers as much as it did since they are four blocks away from it. Alan Scherr also said that the weather can play a role in their slow turnout during both the summer and winter months.

“The weather is a huge factor, especially with downtown, like today now

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FOURTH CHAMPIONSHIP

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133 pounds and Devin FitzPatrick at 165 pounds each placed sixth, both earning their first all-American awards.

Seniors Travis Swanson at 141 pounds and Chance Helmick listed at 184 pounds were the other two qualifiers for the Huskies.

This season marked the eighth consecutive NSIC title for the Huskies, continuing a streak of 48 consecutive dual victories, their sixth regional title since 2011, and fourth national title in the past five years.

But the road to victory isn’t always a smooth one.

“The season’s so long and tough that no one’s a hundred percent when it comes to the end...but you just gotta know that everyone else out there is feeling the same way, they have the same season so you can’t let that get to your head. You have to go out there and give it a hundred percent anyway,” senior captain Vince Dietz said.

But when things get tough, it’s the family atmosphere of this team that keeps these guys going.

“It’s definitely pretty special to have a team like this where everyone is always hanging out together,” Dietz said.

“There’s so many relationships I’ve developed in the last five years here,” Velasquez said. “I think those are just gonna be the greatest memories I’m going to have. It’s not always about what I’ve done on the wrestling mat...but just the relationships.”

After another successful finish to another grueling season, the Huskies wrestling team was welcomed home by fans more than excited to celebrate their most recent accomplishment.

In attendance at the ceremony was athletic director Heather Weems, the voice of Husky wrestling John Peterson, and many wrestlers and fans, all ready to celebrate their most recent title.

St. Cloud State President Robbyn Wacker via video message, extending her congratulations to the team.

“Team success like that doesn’t happen without the

individual contributions of every member of that team,” Wacker said. “Whether you’re an athlete or not, there’s some lessons here: have goals, work hard to achieve those goals, and stay committed.”

Weems then shared her thoughts on the season.

“In order to keep this level of intensity, in order to come back every single day, in order to put everything on the mat every day at practice and then still show up at the meets and have enough energy to make it work, is nothing short of amazing,” Weems said.

With the end of every season is the send off of seniors who help make the team what it is every year. The goodbyes are usually emotional and heartfelt and this year was no different.

“It’s been fun. It’s been a blessing,” Velasquez said, taking time to say his goodbyes, choked up by tears. “I love this team. I’m gonna miss it.”

But, despite losing many tremendous wrestlers who will be graduating this year, the future of the Husky wrestling team looks bright.

“While we lose some really good seniors and great leadership, we have a lot of young guys who are hungry and want to be in that spotlight. I don’t see us getting off track any time soon,” Costanzo said.

“I’m very excited to see what they can do. I know they can continue to win and keep this dynasty going. I’d like to see them come back even better next year,” Dietz said.

At the end of day, no matter how many championship banners get hung in the wrestling room, head coach Steve Costanzo just hopes his wrestlers are successful in life after they move on from college.

“Our philosophy is always about building ‘life champions.’ And for these guys, I just want them to continue to be champions in life. They were champions for us, and I want to see them go forward and make big impacts in their communities...I wish them all the best and I really appreciate everything they’ve done for us,” Costanzo said.



Fewer people visiting Central Café in Mid-March led to the Café’s closure on March 31. Photo taken by Tony Langfellow

by Time Warner to create a chain of coffee shops with the “Central Perk” name, and they didn’t want to have any franchised businesses with the same title.

In effect, this caused the Scherrs to scramble, so they changed their name from Central Perk to Central Cafe and they ultimately decided it wasn’t worth it to their family to fight this order at a financial and personal level, causing them to put their business up for sale.

“[It’s] so sad that the big corporations have to pick on the little shops,” Odessa Scherr said. “It would have cost us more money than what it was worth to try and fight Time Warner just because the copyright and that type of stuff, so we were



## PRESIDENT WACKER AND MAYOR KLEIS HOST DISCUSSION FORUM AT SCSU

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St. Cloud State University (SCSU) President Robbyn Wacker and St. Cloud Mayor David Kleis hosted their first joint town hall at the Universities Welcome Center in mid-February. While the joint venture is a first for Wacker, Kleis is no stranger to town halls.

"I made two campaign promises when I first ran in 2005," Kleis said.

The first was to bring paddleboats back to lake George. The second was to have a town hall meeting every week after his election. When he approached Wacker about hosting a town hall over breakfast, she "didn't hesitate, not even a second" to jump on the idea.

While the idea was Kleis's, Wacker was fully on board with the message they wanted the town hall to send.

"The intent behind [the town hall] was for he [Kleis] and I to demonstrate that we're



Mayor Kleis and President Wacker partaking in civil discourse with a St. Cloud civilian. Photo taken by Brendan Janostin

connected and we're very much committed to making sure the university and the city work together on initiatives," said Wacker, "it also gives the community the opportunity to ask me questions."

The town hall was open to all members of the community, but the small gathering was comprised mainly of

city council members and older residents of St. Cloud, including St. Cloud's 3rd ward City Council member Paul Brandmire, and Minnesota Sen. Jerry Relph. Issues brought up ranged from the lack of affordable housing, to university enrollment and SCSU veteran services.

Though the questions and

answers were largely cordial, the meeting was not without a few bits of controversy.

"I've been living in the neighborhood longer than many of the homeowners" said a female resident, responding to comments by Kleis about unstable renters, "the issue with the renters in the area is not necessarily with the renters but with the landlords ... What're the efforts to, kind of, curtail the number of absentee landlords? Cause that's where I see the problem."

Kleis was quick to clarify his intentions. "Most, absolutely most renters and landlords in the community are good landlords and good renters. The vast majority."

Peter Wilson, a resident of St. Cloud, addressed Wacker, "What we have is an ongoing progressive, collectivist, socialist agenda. And if you want call it, autocratic and aristocratic culture at the colleges and universities ... one way to differentiate

yourself and to bring yourself up from minimal and diminished enrollments is to be different ... stand up and be different. Have true diversity in your instructors, your teachers, your educators, and your management ... set it up where approximately 50% are of a conservative nature ... Otherwise, you're looking at the long-term trend of this is that you would cease to exist."

Wacker acknowledged the need for differentiation from other learning institutions but didn't list Wilson's proposal among her solutions.

Though this was the first joint town hall between the university and the city, it will not be the last.

"This is one of many that we'll do to, you know, get an opportunity to get feedback from the community" Kleis said. "Both the city and the university are so interconnected, and the success of one is entirely dependent on the success of the other."

## RESIDENTS STRUGGLE WITH WINTER PARKING

Story by Tony Langfellow

In Minnesota, the winter season is often more stress than it's worth, especially when it comes to parking a vehicle in the street after a heavy snowfall. As far as the rules and regulations for the city of St. Cloud go during a snow emergency, it is important to know where it is alright to park so the snow plows can get through to make the roads clear and safe for everyone.

"From November 1 to April 1, we have overnight parking restrictions, which includes alternate side parking, or a parking ban," St. Cloud Community Service Officer Barry Boldt said.

When the city is under a Snow Emergency, that means anyone who uses the streets for parking needs to move their cars to the correct side of the street, depending on where they live in the city. Most of the streets in and around St. Cloud State University have specific parking restriction signage posted on both sides of the road.

Most of the signs that can be found near the university in the residential living areas are "No Parking from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday," and there is also signs for No Parking on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, which is generally on the opposite side of the street.

"The idea is that if we have to have a snow emergency, cars are parked on one side of the road and the plows can get right up to the curb on the opposite side," Boldt said.

For other parts of the city, the city uses an alternating odd and even parking method which is based on the day of the month

and the addresses of houses. According to the City of St. Cloud's website, if the day of the month is an odd number such as March 15, then cars can be parked on the side of the street with even house addresses, and then the same goes for the exact opposite.

"In a perfect world, the operators would like to see no parking at all in the streets. Navigating a snow plow with a wing around parked cars is a huge challenge," city of St. Cloud public works street maintenance supervisor Tom Zabinski said.

Snow emergencies are declared by St. Cloud's street maintenance department if six or more inches of snow has fallen, and it usually takes effect starting at 12:01 a.m. the day after it snowed, and the emergency can last for up to 72 hours to ensure everything is plowed.

"The reason we have the alternate side parking is because there are some houses that are so small they just literally don't have garages or driveways and we have to have a place for them to park," Boldt said.

Although the snow emergency and alternate side parking are enforced to benefit the city's residents and employees, it does pose a problem for people if they don't know the rules or choose not to move their cars to the correct side of the street.

"If your car is legally parked, there won't be an issue. It's when it's illegally parked, [there's an issue]," All Care Towing Vice President Vince Thiel said. "During normal times, non-snow emergency, it will be ticketed, [but] during the snow emergency, it will be ticketed and towed."

Normally when a car is illegally parked in St. Cloud, the police will just issue the vehicle a parking violation, but during a snow emergency, all vehicles that are illegally parked will be towed immediately at the expense of its owner. In early February, there were over 50 cars towed during the snow emergency issued by the City of St. Cloud.

"I would suggest to move your car if you can, if you can't get it started, communicate with the tow company and try to work with them, because if you work with them, they'll work with you," Thiel said.

When people don't follow the rules for the parking restrictions, not only will your car end up impounded, but it also poses a safety concern. It creates a problem for emergency vehicles such as police cars, ambulances, and fire trucks because there is simply not enough room for double-sided parking, snow, and emergency vehicles all to fit on one road.

"Know your street and know where you park and get to learn the process and understand that we don't enjoy having vehicles towed or ticketed," Zabinski said. "That's not what we're here to do, we're here to plow the streets."

In fact, St. Cloud is one of the few cities in the area that allow parking on one side of the street during these incidents, others such as Sartell have complete parking bans during snow emergencies.

"If people understand the alternate side parking and the parking ban areas, then when we have a snow emergency they shouldn't have any problem at all," Boldt said.

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## SEVERE WEATHER BRINGS UNEXPECTED CLOSURES

Story by Mitchell Abraham

St. Cloud State University rarely closes its doors for severe weather, but due to this year's record-breaking cold and snowfall, the university has closed its campus several times.

This brings up the question, how does SCSU come to this decision? And who is involved in making it?

Kevin Whitlock is the director of the Public Safety Department at SCSU. Whitlock says that the Public Safety Department contacts weather experts, to keep the university posted on impending weather.

"We receive information from the National Weather Service (NWS), while also working alongside a meteorologist professor on campus, who gives us regular forecasts specifically for the St. Cloud area," Whitlock said.

"We also base our decision on what k-12 school districts in the area have decided, but we do not solely rely on this decision."

Whitlock says that as soon as a weather alert is announced by the NWS, an urgent phone conference is held between various departments, along with the President of SCSU, Robbyn Wacker.

"During these meetings, we bring in our weather experts, along with all the information Public Safety has gathered and inform everyone on the severity of the weather," Whitlock said. "We then look at factors that will ensure the safety of students, especially whether facilities will be able to move snow and provide students with full access to the university."

He said that the meetings are a long and tedious process, taking many hours to reach a unanimous agreement.



Severe weather led to multiple school closures at St. Cloud State University. Photo courtesy of Tony Langfellow

"Meetings typically occur as late as 9 p.m. or as early as 4 a.m., needless to say, I don't usually get much sleep on those days," Whitlock said.

When all parties have given their own opinions and feedback on the matter, the ultimate decision is then declared by President Wacker. If cancellations are made, then Public Safety makes it their priority to make sure every student is informed about closures.

"We try to get the message out about closures to every student through star

alert emails, while also spreading the word through local television, radio and newspapers," Whitlock said.

The decision is also based on whether campus transportation is readily available to transfer students to and from the university. The Associate Director of Public Safety, Jennifer Furan Super, spoke about their emergency transportation program and how it's designed to determine the availability of Metro Buses in the area.

"Our main goal is to stay in communication with Metro

Bus routers and checking if the buses will be able to safely reach their designated routes on campus and pick up students," Super said. "If the Metro buses are non-operational, then this will heavily impact the decision of closure."

However, if the Metro Buses decide to stay operational, but the SCSU campus has closed, then emergency transportation must cancel the university transit routes as well.

"After the campus closes... due to freezing temperatures, we were then tasked with aligning the university transit with the times of closure, so students wouldn't be trapped on campus grounds," Super said.

Super says that without the means of transportation for students, this would leave them stranded at the university.

"The biggest question we ask ourselves is, if we get everyone here and we can't get them home, what will we do?" Super said.

Story by Abby Johnson

History is already being made in the 2020 presidential election, with a record number of women announcing their candidacy. Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar announced her presidential bid in early February.

"I promise, as your president, I will look you in the eye. I will tell you what I think. I will focus on getting things done - that's what I've done my whole life," Klobuchar said in her announcement speech in Minneapolis.

Klobuchar's 'get-things-done' attitude makes the state senator a strong candidate to break through the glass ceiling and become the first female President of the United States.

Klobuchar is also the first woman to represent the state of Minnesota in the United States Senate. In 2018, she won her third Senate term for the democratic party.

At St. Cloud State University, many students take interest in where politicians stand on education. Minnesota's commitment to supporting the education system, including higher education, reflects how much Klobuchar values educating the next generation.

She is often vocal about her strong opinions regarding education. Not only does she believe that schools need to receive adequate funding, but more financial assistance is needed for students to combat the rising costs of higher education.

"At a time when more and more jobs require some form

## 2020 ELECTION COULD MEAN CHANGE



Amy Klobuchar announces presidential bid in Minneapolis at Boom Island Park - Photo taken by AP Photo/Jim Mone

of higher education, we simply cannot allow soaring costs to be a barrier to opportunity. I am fighting for stronger federal support for higher education opportunities - because our future success as a state and a nation depends on making sure that quality education is accessible and affordable," Klobuchar said.

With the announcement of her candidacy, it is in the interest of many how her passion for Minnesota's education system would transfer to a national level if she were elected. Several days after her announcement, on Feb. 18, Klobuchar's campaign brought her to Manchester, New Hampshire to take questions.

With student loan debt steadily rising, it was no surprise that one of the top questions was if Klobuchar supports the notion of free college for all. While her initial response may disappoint college students, the logic behind it demonstrates Klobuchar's ability to reasonably assess the long term financial effects of free college.

"I wish-- if I was a magic genie and could give that to everyone and we could afford it, I would," Klobuchar said. "I've got to tell the truth. We have this mounting debt that the Trump administration keeps getting worse and worse. I also don't want to leave that on the shoulders of [the next generation]."

As college students, the idea

of free higher education is hard to disagree with, as many are currently faced with the costs.

"It's a little difficult because I mean, I would prefer free college. I'm guessing she would have a better plan that would work in the short term," senior Madelyn Roseen said.

Klobuchar's alternative to free college is a plan to open up grants to more students than the limited amount they currently apply to. This would make higher education more affordable for many students that struggle with the ever-increasing costs.

SCSU student Nelson Anderson is in favor of Klobuchar's argument, that free college is not the answer to better education opportunities.

"When I went to public school, that's obviously free, my teachers never put in any extra effort to help me out, because they're not getting paid as much," Anderson said. "If we stopped paying the professors as much here in college, they're going to stop staying after and putting in extra effort to help us."

Another aspect of Klobuchar's position on education is her goal to reduce the education achievement gap. She supported a new federal education law that would lead to every state working to close the gap and provide equal educational opportunities for all students and she helped Minnesota's plan for equal education achieve federal approval in 2018.

Several Minnesotan politicians have taken a shot at the presidency, none of which has been successful. Klobuchar's moderate democratic standing and "Minnesota Nice" personality would be a breath of fresh air after years of anger and accusations in the Oval Office.

In the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton had a chance of becoming the first woman President of the United States, but that too ended in a loss. A woman from Minnesota may have the exact traits that could lead the country. America would need a president that acts with the well-being of every person in mind, regardless of age, race, or gender and Klobuchar said that she is an ideal candidate for the first female president.



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## CONTINUED: HUSKIES LOSE NCHC CHAMPIONSHIP IN DOUBLE-OVERTIME THRILLER

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The second period was a defensive battle. Three minutes into the period, the rain of penalties continued, as the Bulldogs were called for another tripping infraction that would send St. Cloud State to its third power play of the game. With ten seconds left in the man advantage, UMD was called for its fourth penalty of the game, as Roehl was called for his second penalty of the game, sending SCSU to a 5-on-3 for ten seconds. However, the Bulldogs penalty kill would hold strong through both advantages, keeping the score tied up.

With 3:24 remaining in the second, St. Cloud State freshman defenseman Nick Perbix was called for a trip and was sent to the box for UMD's second power play of the game. This didn't result in a goal for the Bulldogs, however, and the Huskies would find themselves on their fifth power play of the game after UMD's Matt Anderson would receive a two-minute minor for delay of game. The second period would end before the end of the



Moments before the hockey puck reaches the goal, sent by Robby Jackson before the loss the Huskies suffered to UMD. Photo taken by Kelsey Whaley

power play with the two NCHC powerhouses still tied.

Entering the third, with the team still on the power play, the Huskies would finally break through. Senior and Hobey Baker candidate Patrick Newell would score not long into the period, giving the Huskies the lead. The scoring wouldn't stop there, as halfway through the final period the Huskies would strike again, making it 3-1. However, the goal would go under review, and it was revealed that Blake Lizotte's shot hit the left pipe before sliding horizontally along the goal line. The call on the ice was reversed and the goal was disallowed, bringing the score back to 2-1 in favor of the Huskies.

At 6:34 remaining in the

period, the Bulldogs were called for yet another penalty (their sixth of the game) after Jesse Jacques was called for tripping. The timing of it couldn't have been worse for UMD, as they had to go on the penalty kill with not much time left to go and still needing a goal. This penalty could have been a death sentence for the second-seeded Bulldogs. However, down a man, they took advantage of a Huskies turnover in their own zone and Billy Exell would make the Huskies pay, scoring the game-tying goal.

That would be the last mark on the scoreboard as the game went into a 20-minute sudden death overtime.

The overtime period would prove to be yet another defensive struggle, with both

teams gaining time in the other's zones. Goaltenders Shephard and Hrenak came up huge, keeping out several great chances each. The first overtime period would end, with both teams still tied, and the game dragging on into the night.

With players exhausted, and both teams finding trouble finding chances, the second period was dominated by runs. Eventually, as was the case with the game-tying goal, a small error by the Huskies led to a 2-on-1 for the Bulldogs, where sophomore forward Nick Swaney deposited the puck behind Hrenak on the backhand to secure the win.

The game was the second longest in NCHC conference history, falling only 2:20 behind

of an Omaha-St. Cloud State first round playoff battle in Omaha on March 13, 2015.

With the victory, the Bulldogs improved their profile heading into the NCAA Division I hockey tournament. The loss for the Huskies didn't hurt all that much, as they remained in the number-one spot in the Pairwise rankings, which selects the tournament seeds.

There's an old saying that history always repeats itself, and there's a curious trend in the short history of the NCHC. No Penrose Cup champion (the NCHC regular season title) has ever gone on to win a Frozen Faceoff, and that trend continued Saturday. However, it gets even more interesting: no Frozen Faceoff champion has EVER gone on to win the National Championship. It will be interesting to see if the Bulldogs can break that weird trend, and whether or not the Huskies can win it all as a Penrose champion. After all, North Dakota and Denver won it all in back-to-back years as regular season champions.

The tournament will begin on Friday, March 29. St. Cloud State is projected to face American International College, who placed far out of the top 16 teams in the country but earned an automatic bid by locking up the Atlantic Hockey Conference championship. However, this is not set in stone; the selection will take place on Sunday, March 24.

## SCSU PLANS TO UPGRADE EMAIL SERVER IN EARLY AUGUST

Story by Tony Langfellow

The Minnesota State system is implementing some new changes to the St. Cloud State University e-mail platform over summer break, which will provide a new e-mail address to all new and returning students.

The e-mail program that St. Cloud State uses is Microsoft Office Outlook 365, but Minnesota State has been transitioning all of their institutions to a new "shared tenant" platform which will allow students, staff and faculty to connect with other Minnesota State schools easier.

"It's under one big umbrella where all Office 365 services will be shared across all 37 schools," SCSU project manager and systems analyst Dmitry Berkovich said. "With this shared tenant, [the] Minnesota State system will become one of the largest customers that Microsoft will have... we're literally going to have hundreds of thousands of accounts."

The transition between the two networks is a mandatory move that Minnesota State has been executing over the past few years with around 30 schools already under the new platform and St. Cloud State happens to be one of the last schools to move under the new network.

By Minnesota State applying this change to the e-mail format, it will make it a flawless process for transfer students to move files and e-mails from one school to another within the state system.

"If you are going to transfer like from St. Cloud Technical College over to St. Cloud State... then your same e-mailbox and your same OneDrive files and your same Office 365 experience will just come right with you," SCSU technology cloud architect Chris Stanley said.

The migration from the current Office 365 template to the new shared tenant version, is set to take place from Thursday, Aug. 8 and will last until Sunday, Aug. 11, right after the second summer school session has ended.

When the transition occurs, there will not be any loss of files or e-mails during the switchover because everything will automatically shift into each student's new e-mail account.

"If you use Outlook calendar, all of your calendar appointments will automatically migrate, [and] so will your OneDrive files. So if you use OneDrive today, all of your files will migrate,"

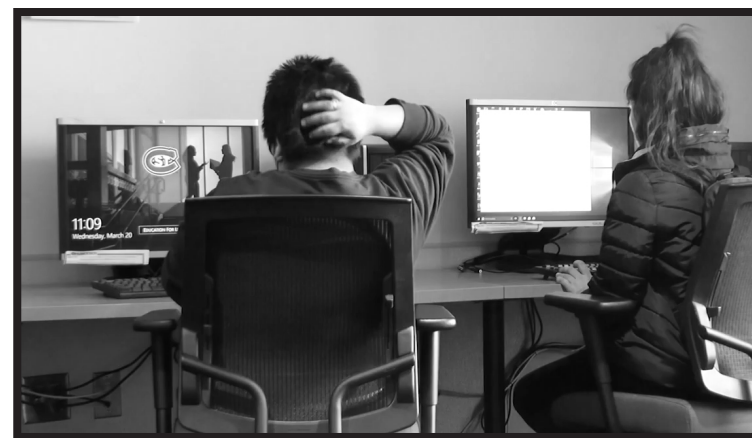
Berkovich said. "However there will be a freeze window of approximately a week prior to migration when we will ask you not to place any new files on your One Drive because the migration actually starts the week prior to the cut off."

St. Cloud State strategically chose to have the migration take place over that particular weekend so there is little or no academic impact on students and when the change does happen, everyone needs to be prepared so there is no unexpected problems.

"We know it's not on the front of their mind right now as they're just trying to get through their classes, and August seems like it's a long way away, so our goal at this point is just to get them to remember that something is happening in August so when it happens, they're not taken by surprise," Stanley said.

Users won't have to download a new phone application or search for a different web address after the change, they will simply have to log in to the new system with a new username. Everyone's former e-mail address will no longer exist after Aug. 8, 2019, and any e-mails sent to an old address moving ahead will get forwarded to the new address.

"The big change that students want to be aware of is when they go to login to their e-mail, today students are just used to typing in their e-mail and their password to login to the Office 365 system,



Changes to the email platform for SCSU to come in Fall of 2019. Photo taken by Tony Langfellow.

but after [the migration] they're going to use their Star ID and then @go.minnstate.edu to login," Stanley said.

New e-mail addresses for returning students will be similar to their current one, except it will just end with "@go.stcloudstate.edu" and new students will be entered into a naming convention and will receive their address upon school acceptance.

Stanley said that beyond just some changes in branding on the new e-mail server, it will remain visually similar to the current system. This change will help students and staff connect with other Minnesota State schools to make communication within Office 365 more efficient.

"For faculty and staff, when we need to work with someone at Mankato, Winona, any

other schools, we will have one platform to do that sort of collaboration, so we can use same Sharepoint slides, we can use same teams," Berkovich said.

The transition for other Minnesota State schools has been a smooth process and SCSU sees a long life in the new service. One student is eager for the upcoming change so that work collaboration is simplified for everyone.

"I like the mobile application, I can access e-mails right away on my phone or on my laptop so I can have access anytime," senior Alain Twagirumukiza said. "Technology is advancing. There's always something new coming, so any improvement will be highly appreciated."